AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 1 to 9 illustrate various views of a preferred embodiment of the apparatus of the present invention. The apparatus includes a club-shaped head assembly 10 attached to a shaft 12 at a hozel 22 using any conventional means for attachment. The shaft 12 of the preferred embodiment has a grip 13 formed thereon and is adjustable and/or may be sized to the player by, for example, removing a section of the shaft 12, or by telescoping the shaft 12 to a preferred length. The assembly 10 has a face 20 for contacting or striking an elastomer ball (not shown). The ball 100 may be manufactured from any type of material having elastic or resilient characteristics, such as foam plastic, soft rubber, etc. The face 20 is a generally planar surface as shown in Figure 5. The face 20 of the preferred embodiment has a surface area much greater than the diameter of the ball to provide a user with a larger area in which to contact the ball. The expanded face 20 provides a paddle-like target for a player to volley and/or bounce a ball continuously on the face 20. Referring to Figure 4, the face 20 is angled θ with respect to the shaft 12 to provide a loft angle when the bottom surface or sole 8 of the head assembly 10 is placed on the ground surface 4. In the preferred embodiment, the angle θ is 60 degrees, but may be manufactured to have any desired angle θ which facilitates scooping a ball from the ground and bouncing a ball on the face 20.

Please also replace the second paragraph beginning on page 6, line 20 and ending on page 7 line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Continuing with Figure 1, the head assembly 10 has a back surface 26, that is connected to the face 20 by the bottom surface 8, and which contains a pocket cavity 14. Referring also to Figures 7 and 7A, the pocket cavity 14, 14A of the preferred embodiment may have a concave or curved recess 26 or a substantially flat bottom 26A with sidewalls which are substantially perpendicular to the flat bottom 26A. The pocket cavity 14 of the preferred embodiment is at least as deep as the radius of the ball and may be deeper than the diameter of the ball. Referring again to Figure 1, the unique shape of the pocket cavity 14 is defined by the contours of its inner sidewalls. One inner sidewall has a substantially flat contour which is approximately parallel with the face 20. The other inner 26 sidewall has a curvilinear contour. Together, the sidewalls create regions of pocket cavity 14 that have different sidewall spacings. In one region of pocket cavity 14, designated as 104 in Fig.'s 11 and 12, the sidewalls are spaced farther apart than the diameter of the elastomer ball 100, allowing the ball 100 to move freely into and out of the pocket cavity 14 so that the ball 100 may be scooped from the ground, caught, carried or thrown from the pocket cavity by a user of the apparatus. The cross-section of Fig~~ure~~.'s 7 and 7A are ~~is~~ taken through the region of the pocket cavity where the sidewalls are spaced farther apart than the diameter of the elastomer ball 100. In another region of pocket cavity 14, designated as 102 in Fig.'s 10-12, the sidewalls are spaced less than the diameter of the elastomer ball 100, allowing the ball 100 to be compressed

between the sidewalls so that the ball may be stored in the pocket cavity when the apparatus is not in use.